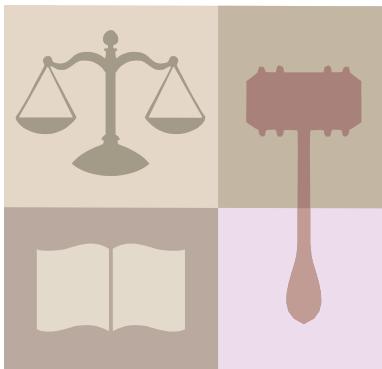




NC-TOPPS SNAPSHOT

The Prevalence of Judicial Involvement among Adult Consumers



The judicial system can be a prominent external influence for consumers to enter treatment. As a result of legal consequences, consumers may be placed under correctional supervision or mandated to enter treatment. NC-TOPPS data were used to explore the prevalence of judicial involvement among adult consumers.

Chart Description. The following chart provides a statewide glimpse of three measures (arrested in the past month, treatment required, and under correctional supervision) among adult consumers in the categories substance abuse, co-occurring and mental health.

Judicial Category	Substance Abuse		Co-Occurring		Mental Health	
	African American N = 3,365	Caucasian N = 4,497	African American N = 2,186	Caucasian N = 3,745	African American N = 9,000	Caucasian N = 13,797
Arrested Past Month	268 (8%)	358 (8%)	152 (7%)	260 (7%)	268 (3%)	411 (3%)
Treatment Required	867 (26%)	1,201 (27%)	260 (12%)	443 (12%)	266 (3%)	272 (2%)
Under Supervision	1241 (37%)	1,434 (32%)	414 (19%)	743 (20%)	538 (6%)	687 (5%)

Summary.

Between consumer groups. The data show that the judicial system requires treatment of a larger percentage of adults with substance abuse (27%) than adults with mental illnesses (3%) or of those with co-occurring issues (12%). Overall, consumers seeking help for substance abuse accounted for the highest percentage of involvement in each judicial category (arrested in the past month, treatment required, and under supervision) followed by those with co-occurring and mental health only conditions. This increased representation may be a result of the type of activities engaged in and legal consequences that result.

Within consumer groups. Although it has been widely noted that African Americans are disproportionately represented in the judicial system, in this analysis, there was very little difference in judicial involvement among Caucasians and African Americans. In this analysis, type of disorder was a more significant influence in the judicial involvement of adult consumers than their racial/ethnic membership.

TIME PERIOD: INITIAL ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED JULY 1, 2007 – MAY 31, 2008

SOURCE: NC-TOPPS ADULT MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE ONLY & CO-OCCURRING CONSUMERS REPORTS – STATEWIDE

* This report excludes methadone consumers.

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